पर सोवियत विशेषज्ञों की सलाह मांगी गई थी । नागपुर की वर्कशाप को सोवियत तकनीकी सहायता से स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

Auto Expo '86

664. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ; SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether India's first ever automotive exhibition, Auto-Expo '8b wag held at Pragati Maidan in January this year;

(b) what were the main objectives of the exhibition; ana

(c) whether any export orders for Indian automobiles were booked at the exhibition; if so, the extent of orders booked for each automobile?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS-TRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRl M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To commemorate their Silvei Jubilee, Auto-Expo '86 was organised jointly by the Association of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (AIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), in association with Association of Indian Engineering Tha'ustry (ATKT), primarily as an exposition oi the technological capability of the Indian automobile industry.

(c) No; Sir.

R&D cess for each industry

665. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ;

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of imposing an R and D cess on each industry and creating a pooled R and D fund for each industry in view of the continued neglect of the research and development needs on the part of the industry resulting in low production and high cost of production;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have also considered the desirability of effectively avoiding repetitive imports of the same technology by different manufacturers; if so, the decision taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Provision already exists in the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 on imposition of cess on scheduled industries in certain cases and the manner of its utilisation, in regard to promotion of scientific and industrial research on such industries.

(c) While allowing import of technology for production of a particular item, adequate precaution is taken to ensure that exactly similar techno, logy hag not been imported earlier.